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An unidentified victim is carried out of Norris Hall at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. on Monday after the deadliest shooting rampage in American history. A gunman killed 32 people on campus. (AP photo by Alan Kim, The Roanoke Times)



Youth need help to avoid gangs

Members being recruited in schools

By REGGIE PONDER
DAILY DISPATCH WRITER

Henderson Police Senior Officer Angela Feingold described gang activity in the community — including a teen girl shot and wounded by her own father as she fled a gang initiation — in a Gang Awareness Seminar Monday for law enforcement officials, social workers and other professionals in Vance, Warren, Franklin, Granville and Halifax counties.

Some 130 people attended the seminar, which also included a presentation by Det. Elliott Hoskins of the Durham County Sheriff's

Department Gang Investigation Unit. Feingold, a 13-year veteran of the police department, concluded her talk with a plea for people to volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club, Friends of Youth, and other groups that help children stay out of gangs.

"These kids need help," Feingold said. "They need resources to go to."

The Henderson Police Department is currently



Haskins

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Bloody day in Blacksburg

Gunman kills 32 at Virginia Tech

By SUE LINDEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — At first, the shootings seemed like the sort of thing people around the country are called to every day. A domestic dispute in a dorm room, something that could happen on a big college campus without every student feeling touched by it. Certainly not the beginning of the worst

shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

Thousands of Virginia Tech students drove to classes Monday morning, unaware that anything had just happened. Those who checked their e-mail found a terse message from the university: "A shooting incident occurred at West Ambler Johnston earlier this morning. Police are on the scene and are investigating."

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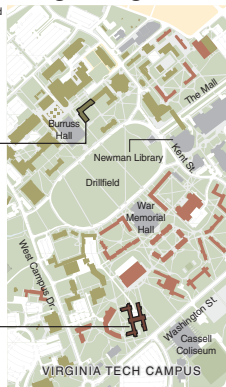
Mass shooting on Virginia Tech

A gunman opened fire in a Virginia Tech dormitory and classroom building Monday, killing at least 30 people in the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

Appx. 9:15 a.m.
Norris Hall
At least 30 people killed

Appx. 7:15 a.m.
Ambler Johnston Hall
Two people killed in the dormitory

Residential/dining facility
Academic building



SOURCE: Virginia Tech

Granville board forced to pay up

For extra school construction costs

By MICHAEL ABRAMOWITZ
DAILY DISPATCH WRITER

OXFORD — The Granville County Commissioners found themselves between a rock and a hard place at Monday's commission meeting when they were presented with cost overruns for the new Granville Central High School by Granville County School Board chairman Leonard E. Peace Sr.

Peace was introduced by Granville Schools Superintendent Thomas J. Williams, who played the overture of the dark financial tune for the commission.

But it was Peace who was the actual bearer of the bad news.

He explained the basics of the problem to the commissioners, then called upon Bill Piver of SEPI Engineering to

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Weather

TODAY



Breezy
High: 66
Low: 37

WEDNESDAY

Calmer
High: 61
Low: 43



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Deaths

- Butner**
Venus L. Hensley, 63
- Gaston**
Cornelia B. Moore, 83
- Louisburg**
Allie P. Ayscue, 66
- Middleburg**
Marvin G. Breedlove Jr., 78
- Oxford**
Gladys B.T. Brennan, 96
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Property owner blasts city council

Said body is not considering the poor

By REGGIE PONDER
DAILY DISPATCH WRITER

A Henderson property owner blasted the city council on the issue of dilapidated housing Monday night — and one council member responded to what she regarded as a personal vendetta against her.

Jimmy Lawrence spoke about the council's work on dilapidated housing and said some members of the council were not considering people on fixed incomes.

"This can't keep happening," he said. "Poor people are going to be put in the street" because they can barely pay their rent now.

Councilwoman Elissa Yount said Lawrence was "waving a red flag in my face," and she responded after he finished addressing the council.

The council has been looking at enforcement of the city's minimum housing standards, working through the Community Development Committee.

Lawrence said the city had "gotten on" him about one of his buildings.

"Everybody wants to pick on the landlords," he said, suggesting that the city also should inspect council members' houses.

Lawrence also said council members were meeting at

each others' houses.

Councilwoman Lynn Harper said later in the meeting that no council meetings or committee meetings were ever held at people's homes or in secret.

Lawrence said he was tired of the council "jumping down other people's throats and not cleaning up your own back yards first."

Yount said Lawrence was waving a red flag in her face because she owns a house on William Street and Lawrence had brought a picture of the house to the meeting. She said the house did not violate the ordinance. The house is vacant but not abandoned, she said.

She said the house in question met minimum exterior requirements and she would be glad for it to be inspected. She added that she was not seeking a rental certificate of occupancy for the house.

She said the house would be fixed if it did not meet exterior minimum housing requirements. She added that she thought the neighbors were glad that she owned the house and that it was vacant.

Yount said she was committed to moving forward on improving housing.

If that house on William Street had to be torn down and would become the threshold for what was acceptable,

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High winds across the area snapped trees like this one on Chestnut Street behind City Road United Methodist Church Monday morning.

High winds blow through area

Scattered power outages reported in Tri-County

By AL WHEELS
DAILY DISPATCH WRITER

A series of thunderstorms generated strong winds and heavy rain that made Sunday and Monday memorable for some folks in Vance, Warren and Granville counties.

Brian Short, emergency management coordinator in Vance, said the top wind gust of 51 miles per hour was recorded about 9 a.m. Monday, outside his office at the courthouse.

Wind speeds in the 30s and 40s were observed Sunday night and throughout the day on Monday at the same loca-

tion, according to Short.

The building was also used as the site to measure 1.6 inches of rainfall on Sunday, and only a trace the next day.

About 175 young children sat in the dark in classes at the Head Start Center on Gun Club Road Monday morning after a tree fell on a power line in the vicinity shortly after 9:30.

Bill Owens, coordinator of Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, said the facility it operates for 3- and 4-year-olds was also without water for a number of hours because no electricity was available to run a well pump.

Staff members at the center were able to contact some parents who came to pick up their children, but the majority of mothers or fathers could not be reached, according to Owens.

He said the plan was for buses to start transporting children to their homes at 2:30 p.m., which was the normal schedule.

Federal laws won't allow the youngsters to be bussed anywhere from the center before the normal closing time unless written authority has been obtained from parents, Owens added.

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